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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: A. KANO, et al

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For: DISK ARRAY SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING DISK  
ARRAY SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 30, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.